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The Oracle

Newsletter of the Silver Springs Radio Club

Oldest Radio Club in Marion County, FL



April 2021

President's Message

Bill Gillespie, KW5BG

As the saying goes, 'April showers bring May flowers'. Based upon recent weather, there should be a bumper crop this year. :-)) With this weather are increased temperatures and the opportunity to get out and do some antenna work, adding new ones or checking current equipment for weather proofing. Why? Because hurricane season will be on us the 1st of June. Yes, it's that close! Based upon data from the past 10 years or so, NOAA is starting to monitor hurricane season starting May 15 and looking at adjusting the start of the season to that date beginning in 2022. Forewarned is forearmed.

One of the activities the club has participated in during this time of year is the March for Babies in association with the March of Dimes. Last year it was canceled due the Covid 19 virus. When contacted about the event maybe being restarting this spring, we found out they are moving in a different direction as far as funding and don't expect to have the March any more. They asked we express their appreciation for our assistance with communications to all who have participated. I would like to echo that sentiment to our members and the ARES folks for their help is making these events a success.

The club has decided to take action to update some items at Perry Field. One of the biggest is the grounding system at Perry Field. I believe Ed, WB2UKX, will have the new connection box at the Membership Meeting on the 20th. If you don't get to see it then, make a trip to Perry Field. He did a terrific job putting it together. Tom, W4DAX and Carl, KC5CMX have done a magnificent job getting things together out there. The rhombics have also been repaired. Thank them for their efforts when you see them.

I'm going to repeat this from last month's Oracle because it's an opportunity to build upon our hobby. If you have friends who are interested in getting into our hobby, this is a good way to learn and meet Hams. If they are interested, have them drop me an email.

Next Club Meeting

Tuesday, April 20

***** Green Clover Hall *****

319 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala

6:00 PM Mentoring & Socializing

7:00 PM Meeting

**SSRC Board of Directors first Tuesday, 7:00 PM,
Green Clover Hall**

Upcoming Events

April 24 — Operating Day, Green Clover Hall, 9:00 AM (Topic TBD)

April 13 — VE Testing, Green Clover Hall, 7:00 PM

**Silver Springs
Radio Club Net
K4GSO Repeater**

Mondays at 7:30 PM

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There will be a Technician Class held in May. It will be jointly sponsored by Silver Springs RC and MERT. It will be held at the Marion County EOC. The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday May 6; 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Saturday May 8; 10:00AM - 2:00pm

Thursday May 13; 6:30PM - 8:30PM

Saturday May 15; 10:00AM - 2:00pm

Thursday May 20; 6:30PM - 8:30PM Test Session

Activities to still look forward to are the Florida QSO Party held 24-25 April and ARRL Field Day held 26-27

June. It looks like the Florida QSO will include mobile stations this year, and Field Day will be run under the 2020 COVID rules so clubs can plan early. They are both fun events and an opportunity to do something as a group.

The Board met in person at Green Clover Hall starting in April. Social distancing was used and individuals used masks as they saw fit. We are looking forward to meeting in person at the General Membership Meeting on 20 April following agreement from the membership. Hope to see you there if you feel comfortable. Wear a mask and social distance as you feel comfortable.

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ARRL CONTEST CLUB ELIGIBILITY LIST

By: Elbert Wilkinson, KQ3K

Over the last couple of years, the club has encouraged more members to get involved in the various contests that occur during the year. This is good operating practice for the various allowed modes. Among the numerous contest events each year, the ARRL has several sanctioned fun events that we enter and have posted good results. However, our results only count if our participating members are actually included in the official ARRL contest list. This was recently highlighted with results of a recent event where several members posted great scores only to not have them counted because they were not on our official list. This has been corrected.

The rules are pretty simple – members must reside within a 35 mile radius of our official site which is Green Clover Hall. Our list can be updated up to the day of the event, so if you desire to be included in our official list, please email me at kq3k@cox.net ahead of time so that we can update our file with the ARRL. Our current official list is posted below.

I would suggest that anyone who thinks they might want to participate in any or all of the ARRL contests – whether or not they actually do – let me know so that we can update the club's official ARRL contest club list. Let me know if you have any questions.

Eligibility list for: **Silver Springs Radio Club**

Geographic Area: 35 mile circle

Center: EL89we

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9 list entries

▲ Call ▼	▲ Grid ▼	▲ Distance ▼
K3ZV	EL99aa	15.3
KC5CMX	EL89xb	10.0
KN4MIV	EL89xa	12.6
KQ3K	EL89xe	5.0
KW5BG	EL99aa	15.3
N8NN	EL98ax	17.6
NA4DA	EL89xh	10.0
WA3LXD	EL99ci	23.2
WB2UKX	EL89xh	10.0
N4FP	EL89wd	2.9
N4GL	EL89wd	2.9

SSRC Member Biographies

Gil Gyarmati, K4GLG, Director

As a boy growing up in the 40's and 50's I had a neighbor up the street that was a ham radio operator. In those days he drove everyone nuts because his radio would come through our telephone and radio. His oldest son was one of my best friends. We would go down in the basement and see his ham shack. I was always interested. I wanted for years to get my license but never took time to learn CW.

Fast forward to 2014 and moving to Del Webb I joined our men's golf league and met Maurice Schietecatte. I saw his ham call letters on his golf cart. Moe talked me into studying for my Tech license. I passed my Tech test at the age of 79 and passed the General Test at the age of 80. I am studying for the Extra test but I am close to 82; now hope to pass it within the year.

My equipment is a Icom 7300 and a LDG 100 auto tuner. I have a G5RV antenna in the attic. I also have a Yaseu FTM-350 vhf/ uhf. I mostly listen as it's hard for me to hear call signs as I have profound hearing loss.



VE Report

Jim Burgess, KN4MIV, Chair

Here is a list of the New and/or Upgraded call signs from the March 9th test session.

Joshua Shaw KO4OIH (Tech)
 Kevin Heath KO4LGL (Gen)
 Jerry Weage KO4OIF (Tech)
 Bob McRae KN4CAL (Extra)
 Kim Umbaugh KO4OIG (Tech)
 Timothy O'Neal KO4OIE (Tech)

Congratulations to everyone and thanks to the VE team!



Winlink Training Class Report

Carl Berry, KC5CMX, Marion County AEC

April 17, 2021 members of Silver Springs Radio Club, Marion County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), Marion County Emergency Radio Team (MERT), the Marion County Hospital Emergency Communications Teams, and Marion County Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) came together at the Marion County Sheriff's Office for Winlink training. The class ran for about six hours and a large range of materials were covered.

Around 30 members from across all agencies attended and everything was covered from A to Z. The course covered the initial setup of the software, configuration for Windows® based computers, with a special shout out to Hayden, N2HAY, for showing it can be run in Linux, filling out the forms, sending a message either formatted or unformatted. Also covered were some of the intricacies of the program. Other items covered were the ICS 309, sending Peer to Peer, and just about any situation you can think of.

I've been working with Winlink Express since it came out some years ago as RMS Express and every time Dave gets up there to do a presentation, I learn something new. The presentations are attached below. You can download them all separately or in one zip file. They are all PowerPoint shows, so they should run on their own. If you need to, [you can download a PowerPoint viewer here for free](#). *Neither SSRC nor any organizations or the webmaster are responsible for any offsite downloads. Link is provided as a courtesy.*

[This is the presentation you were SUPPOSED to see by Carl on 4/17/21](#)

[Dave's Winlink presentation download](#)

[Albert King Extracting files and pictures download](#)

[If you want to download them all at the same time.](#)



Old Mr. Murphy was one that just wanted to come to visit and never leave. We were plagued with all kinds of tech issues, but hey! We're HAMS! We overcome and adapt! Sit back and enjoy the shows. All are zip files of the PowerPoints used in the class. They will download for you, then just open them up and play them. So, go pop some popcorn, sit back and enjoy today's triple feature.

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